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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Miranda Le

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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 September 2003.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other:

DETAILED ACTION

1. This communication is responsive to Amendment A, filed 09/08/2003.
2. Claims 1-7 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 4 are independent claims. In the Amendment A, claims 1-3 have been amended. This action is made non-Final.
3. The rejection of claims 1-3 by 35 U.S.C 101 and 35 U.S.C. §112 first paragraph have been withdrawn in view of the amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless:

(e) the invention was described in

(1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or

(2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Godden et al. (US Patent No. 6,401,077 B1).

Godden anticipated independent claim 1, by the following:

As per claim 1, Godden teaches “an HTML file format implemented within a computer system, the HTML file format comprising an HTML tag and a plurality of HTML data object tags, wherein each HTML data object tag is associated with an HTML data object displayed in a Web page on the computer system, for redirecting an

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application program executing in the computer system to an alternative source file for importing an underlying data source associated with at least one HTML data object into the application program, comprising” at col. 1, lines 38-56, col. 2, line 65 to col. 3, line 28, col. 4, line 57 to col. 5, line 22.

“a redirection attribute placed in an HTML file and associated with at least one HTML data object tag such that the redirection attribute points to the alternative source file where the underlying data source associated with the data object is stored thereby, upon selection of an HTML data object, enabling the application program to” at col. 8, lines 3-24, col. 3, lines 1-28, col. 4, line 52 to col. 5, line 22,

“retrieve an address of the alternative source file from the redirection attribute” at col. 3, lines 20-28.

As per claim 2, Godden teaches “the redirection attribute comprises a connection string that points to a location where the underlying data source is stored” at col. 7, lines 22-41, col. 8, lines 3-24, Fig. 6.

As per claim 3, Godden teaches “the connection string comprises a uniform resource locator (URL)” at col. 4, line 52 to col. 5, line 22.

As per claim 4, Godden teaches “receiving a user command selecting at least one of the plurality of data objects to import from a Web page into an application program” at col. 1, lines 38-56, col. 2, line 65 to col. 3, line 28;

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“retrieving an HTML data object tag associated with the selected HTML data object” at col. 4, lines 52-67;

“determining if the HTML data object tag comprises a redirection attribute, the redirection attribute comprising a connection string that identifies an alternative source file where the underlying data source associated with the selected data object is stored” at col. 5, lines 24-65, Fig. 6;

“if the HTML data object tag comprises a redirection attribute performing the sequence comprising:

“retrieving the connection string from the redirection attribute” at col. 5, line 65 to col. 6, line 40;

“opening the alternative source file identified by the connection string” at col. 7, line 60 to col. 8, line 41, Fig. 8;

“retrieving the underlying data source” at col. 7, line 60 to col. 8, line 41, Fig. 8;

“importing the underlying data source into the application program” at col. 2, line 65 to col. 3, line 28, col. 7, lines 22-41, col. 7, line 60 to col. 8, line 41, Fig. 8;

“if the HTML data object does not comprise a redirection attribute, then importing the HTML data object from the Web page into the application program” at col. 7, line 60 to col. 8, line 41, Fig. 8.

As per claim 5, Godden teaches “determining whether a redirection flag associated with the HTML data object is disabled” at col. 7, lines 42-58, Fig. 7;

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“if the redirection flag is not disabled, performing the sequence comprising:

“retrieving the connection string from the redirection attribute” at col. 7, lines 22-41, Fig. 6.

“opening the alternative source file identified by the connection string” at col. 3, lines 20-28;

“retrieving the underlying data source associated with the HTML data object” at col. 7, line 60 to col. 8, line 41, Fig. 8;

“importing the underlying data source associated with the HTML data object into the application program” at col. 7, line 60 to col. 8, line 41, Fig. 8;

“if the redirection flag is disabled, importing the HTML data object from the Web page to the application program” at col. 7, lines 42-58, Fig. 7.

As per claim 6, Godden teaches “the HTML data object is selected from a list consisting essentially of TABLE, PRE, XMP, LISTING, and PLAINTEXT” at col. 7, lines 22-41, Fig. 6.

As per claim 7, Godden teaches “the connection string comprises a uniform resource locator (URL)” at col. 4, line 52 to col. 5, line 22.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments regarding the Parthasarathy is disqualified as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (c) with respect to claims 4-5, and 7 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

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Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Miranda Le whose telephone number is (703) 305-3203. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John E. Breene, can be reached on (703) 305-9790. The fax number to this Art Unit is (703) 872-9306. The TC 2100's Customer Service number is (703) 306-5631.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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